

# *Supreme Court*

## *1999 Annual Caseload*

### *Report*

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# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Supreme Court Highlights

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### Filings

- The Supreme Court received 1,428 new case filings in 1999 -- a 17.0 percent increase over 1998, and an unprecedented high.
  - Petitions for review (785 cases) make up 55.0 percent of the new caseload, with discretionary reviews following (386 cases constituting 27.0 percent of the new caseload). The remainder of the caseload is made up of personal restraint petitions (125 cases; 8.8 percent of the new caseload), appeals (64 cases), and other reviews (68 cases) such as original actions against state officers, expenditure of public funds, and matters certified from the federal court.
  - Notices of appeal continued their steady fall since 1993, when they reached 142 cases. This year's 64 cases is less than half (45.1 percent) of the 1993 caseload. The majority of appeals (84.4 percent) continue to be civil rather than criminal (15.6 percent).
  - All case types other than notices of appeal held stable or increased in 1999. The most notable jump was in personal restraint petitions, with 125 cases -- in contrast to the 39 filed the prior, more typical year.
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### Dispositions

- The number of dispositions remained stable, with 1,335 cases disposed.
  - Disposition rates largely mirrored filing changes for each of the different types of review. Notice of appeal dispositions (71) were down compared to the previous year, largely due to the drop in those filings (down to 64). Dispositions of personal restraint petitions climbed to 65 in an effort to keep pace with the increased new filings of these matters.
  - There were 132 opinions written during 1999, which made up 9.8 percent of all Supreme Court case dispositions. Cases not accepted for review totaled 969 cases, making up 72.6 percent of all case dispositions.
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### Pending

- Pending caseload increased slightly (34 cases) in 1999, with 572 cases pending at year's end.
- The 34-case increase over the prior year's pending caseload is attributable to 1999's large jump in filings of personal restraint petitions coupled with a less dramatic increase in dispositions of those petitions.
- Pending caseload declined or remained fairly level for all case types other than personal

restraint petitions.

- The majority of pending cases (394 or 68.9 percent) were not yet ready for setting (awaiting parties' further pleadings).
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## **Note:**

*Due to time lag between filing a notice of appeal in trial court and appellate court receipt of the case, current year filings are slightly under-counted (roughly 2 percent). Previous year filings will be recalculated annually to include all cases received late. Although this will provide more accurate statistical reporting, it may cause current year filing totals to vary in future court reports.*

# Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

## Filings

**Notice of Appeal** - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

**Petitions for Review** - A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

**Other Reviews** - The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

**Personal Restraint Petition** - A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

**Discretionary Review** - A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

**Actions Against State Officers** - Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

**Petitions for Expenditures of Public Funds** - Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

**Certified From Federal Court** - Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

## Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

**Opinions** - Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

**Motion on the Merits** - Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

**Dismissed** - An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

**Transferred to Court of Appeals** - To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

**Review Not Accepted** - Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

**Terminated** - An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

## Pending

**Case Stayed** - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

**Ready for Setting** - Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the petitioner's/appellant's brief filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

**Not Ready for Setting** - Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

**Set for Motion on the Merits** - Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

**Set for Oral Argument** - Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

**Opinion/Order in Process** - Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

## Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, 1999

	-----Appeals-----			-Petitions For Review-			-----Other Reviews-----						All Reviews
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr. Review	OASO1	Exp Pub Funds	Cert Fed Court	Total	
<b>FILINGS</b>													
New Filings	8	44	52	444	341	785	125	381	7	52	9	574	1,411
Transfers	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	17
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1,428</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>													
Opinions	8	18	26	44	45	89	3	9	1	0	3	16	131
Motion on the Merits	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissed	0	7	7	11	13	24	2	10	5	1	1	19	50
Transferred	1	26	27	1	0	1	58	3	0	0	0	61	89
Review Not Accepted	1	6	7	360	275	635	0	327	0	0	0	327	969
Other Terminations	1	2	3	10	8	18	2	21	0	50	1	74	95
<b>Total Disposed</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1,335</b>
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>													
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	2	0	2	69	4	1	1	1	76	79
Case Ready	0	1	1	4	6	10	0	5	0	0	2	7	18
Case Not Ready	10	28	38	163	107	270	19	59	3	5	0	86	394
Set for Motion on Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set for Oral Argument	1	6	7	10	14	24	0	9	0	0	2	11	42
<b>Total Awaiting Hearing</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>533</b>
Opinion/Order in Process	5	7	12	5	20	25	0	1	0	0	1	2	39
<b>Total Pending Decision</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>572</b>
<b>MANDATED</b>													
Opinions	7	19	26	46	45	91	2	9	1	0	3	15	132
Other	3	45	48	384	294	678	60	354	5	51	2	472	1,198
<b>Total Mandated</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1,330</b>

1 Original Actions Against State Officers.

The Supreme Court  
History of Filings, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	24	13	. %	14	. %	11	. %	10	. %
Civil	85	97	14.1%	76	-21.6%	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%
Total Appeals	109	110	0.9%	90	-18.2%	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	417	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%
Civil	266	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	341	6.9%
Total Petitions for Review	683	692	1.3%	813	17.5%	736	-9.5%	785	6.7%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	33	38	15.2%	28	. %	39	. %	125	220.5%
Discretionary Review	254	320	26.0%	363	13.4%	316	-12.9%	386	22.2%
Actions Against State Officers	13	13	. %	11	. %	10	. %	7	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	89	71	-20.2%	53	-25.4%	46	-13.2%	52	13.0%
Certified Federal Court	4	1	. %	5	. %	4	. %	9	. %
Total Other Reviews	393	443	12.7%	460	3.8%	415	-9.8%	579	39.5%
Total Filed	1,185	1,245	5.1%	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%	1,428	17.0%

1 Percentages are not provided when numbers are small(less than 30).

The Supreme Court  
History of Dispositions, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	18	22	. %	19	. %	8	. %	11	. %
Civil	80	85	6.3%	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%	60	-34.8%
Total Appeals	98	107	9.2%	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%	71	-29.0%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	399	410	2.8%	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%	426	-3.2%
Civil	238	263	10.5%	322	22.4%	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%
Total Petitions for Review	637	673	5.7%	727	8.0%	789	8.5%	767	-2.8%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	32	33	3.1%	30	-9.1%	37	23.3%	65	75.7%
Discretionary Review	253	280	10.7%	374	33.6%	336	-10.2%	370	10.1%
Actions Against State Officers	12	15	. %	5	. %	17	. %	6	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	108	75	-30.6%	45	-40.0%	57	26.7%	51	-10.5%
Certified Federal Court	4	2	. %	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Total Other Reviews	409	405	-1.0%	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%
Total Disposed	1,144	1,185	3.6%	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%

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The Supreme Court  
History of Pending Cases, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	29	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %	16	. %
Civil	74	89	20.3%	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%
Total Appeals	103	109	5.8%	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	187	173	-7.5%	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%
Civil	128	162	26.6%	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%
Total Petitions for Review	315	335	6.3%	421	25.7%	369	-12.4%	331	-10.3%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions	6	12	. %	9	. %	11	. %	88	. %
Discretionary Review	68	106	55.9%	95	-10.4%	74	-22.1%	78	5.4%
Actions Against State Officers	4	2	. %	8	. %	1	. %	4	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	18	13	. %	21	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Certified Federal Court	2	1	. %	5	. %	2	. %	6	. %
Total Other Reviews	98	134	36.7%	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%
Total Pending Decision	516	578	12.0%	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%

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The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, All Reviews, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
<b>FILINGS</b>									
New Filings	1,154	1,210	4.9%	1,337	10.5%	1,209	-9.6%	1,411	16.7%
Transfers	31	35	12.9%	26	. %	12	. %	17	. %
Total Filings	1,185	1,245	5.1%	1,363	9.5%	1,221	-10.4%	1,428	17.0%
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>									
Opinions	123	139	13.0%	137	-1.4%	148	8.0%	131	-11.5%
Motion on the Merits	0	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	69	73	5.8%	64	-12.3%	63	-1.6%	50	-20.6%
Transferred	64	59	-7.8%	51	-13.6%	82	60.8%	89	8.5%
Review Not Accepted	769	818	6.4%	963	17.7%	969	0.6%	969	0.0%
Other Terminations	119	95	-20.2%	65	-31.6%	80	23.1%	95	18.8%
Total Disposed	1,144	1,185	3.6%	1,281	8.1%	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Case Stayed	11	20	. %	13	. %	5	. %	79	. %
Case Ready	8	15	. %	13	. %	8	. %	18	. %
Case Not Ready	401	444	10.7%	532	19.8%	436	-18.0%	394	-9.6%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	35	39	11.4%	41	5.1%	33	-19.5%	42	27.3%
Total Awaiting Hearing	455	518	13.8%	599	15.6%	482	-19.5%	533	10.6%
Opinion/Order in Process	61	60	-1.6%	57	-5.0%	56	-1.8%	39	-30.4%
Total Pending Decision	516	578	12.0%	656	13.5%	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinions	127	148	16.5%	122	-17.6%	158	29.5%	132	-16.5%
Other	1,043	1,046	0.3%	1,123	7.4%	1,201	6.9%	1,198	-0.2%
Total Mandated	1,170	1,194	2.1%	1,245	4.3%	1,359	9.2%	1,330	-2.1%

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The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, Criminal Appeals, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	11	6	. %	10	. %	10	. %	8	. %
Transfers	13	7	. %	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Total Filings	24	13	. %	14	. %	11	. %	10	. %
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	10	15	. %	9	. %	3	. %	8	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	2	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Transferred	3	4	. %	4	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	3	2	. %	5	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Disposed	18	22	. %	19	. %	8	. %	11	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Case Not Ready	15	15	. %	10	. %	14	. %	10	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	5	3	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	20	18	. %	10	. %	17	. %	11	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	9	2	. %	4	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Total Pending Decision	29	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %	16	. %
MANDATED									
Opinions	8	18	. %	7	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Other	8	7	. %	9	. %	6	. %	3	. %
Total Mandated	16	25	. %	16	. %	11	. %	10	. %

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The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, Civil Appeals, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	75	77	2.7%	60	-22.1%	50	-16.7%	44	-12.0%
Transfers	10	20	. %	16	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Total Filings	85	97	14.1%	76	-21.6%	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	30	24	. %	35	. %	38	8.6%	18	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	13	23	. %	20	. %	4	. %	7	. %
Transferred	30	24	. %	20	. %	44	. %	26	. %
Review Not Accepted	4	10	. %	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %
Other Terminations	3	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Total Disposed	80	85	6.3%	80	-5.9%	92	15.0%	60	-34.8%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	0	0	. %	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Case Not Ready	54	57	5.6%	52	-8.8%	33	-36.5%	28	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	7	9	. %	10	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	64	68	6.3%	69	1.5%	41	-40.6%	36	-12.2%
Opinion/Order in Process	10	21	. %	14	. %	11	. %	7	. %
Total Pending Decision	74	89	20.3%	83	-6.7%	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%
MANDATED									
Opinions	35	28	. %	31	. %	38	22.6%	19	. %
Other	54	58	7.4%	47	-19.0%	54	14.9%	45	-16.7%
Total Mandated	89	86	-3.4%	78	-9.3%	92	17.9%	64	-30.4%

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The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, Total Appeals, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	86	83	-3.5%	70	-15.7%	60	-14.3%	52	-13.3%
Transfers	23	27	. %	20	. %	10	. %	12	. %
Total Filings	109	110	0.9%	90	-18.2%	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	40	39	-2.5%	44	12.8%	41	-6.8%	26	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Dismissed	15	24	. %	21	. %	5	. %	7	. %
Transferred	33	28	. %	24	. %	48	. %	27	. %
Review Not Accepted	7	12	. %	8	. %	3	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	3	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Total Disposed	98	107	9.2%	99	-7.5%	100	1.0%	71	-29.0%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	0	0	. %	6	. %	4	. %	1	. %
Case Not Ready	69	72	4.3%	62	-13.9%	47	-24.2%	38	-19.1%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	12	12	. %	10	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	84	86	2.4%	79	-8.1%	58	-26.6%	47	-19.0%
Opinion/Order in Process	19	23	. %	18	. %	13	. %	12	. %
Total Pending Decision	103	109	5.8%	97	-11.0%	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%
MANDATED									
Opinions	43	46	7.0%	38	-17.4%	43	13.2%	26	. %
Other	62	65	4.8%	56	-13.8%	60	7.1%	48	-20.0%
Total Mandated	105	111	5.7%	94	-15.3%	103	9.6%	74	-28.2%

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The Supreme Court  
 Court Activity, Criminal Petitions for Review, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	417	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	417	396	-5.0%	455	14.9%	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	39	45	15.4%	32	-28.9%	31	-3.1%	44	41.9%
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	18	12	. %	8	. %	11	. %	11	. %
Transferred	0	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	337	350	3.9%	359	2.6%	386	7.5%	360	-6.7%
Other Terminations	5	2	. %	6	. %	12	. %	10	. %
Total Disposed	399	410	2.8%	405	-1.2%	440	8.6%	426	-3.2%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	2	4	. %	6	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Case Ready	2	5	. %	0	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Case Not Ready	156	141	-9.6%	204	44.7%	172	-15.7%	163	-5.2%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	8	10	. %	7	. %	10	. %	10	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	168	160	-4.8%	217	35.6%	183	-15.7%	179	-2.2%
Opinion/Order in Process	19	13	. %	8	. %	19	. %	5	. %
Total Pending Decision	187	173	-7.5%	225	30.1%	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%
MANDATED									
Opinions	40	46	15.0%	27	. %	34	. %	46	35.3%
Other	358	367	2.5%	374	1.9%	407	8.8%	384	-5.7%
Total Mandated	398	413	3.8%	401	-2.9%	441	10.0%	430	-2.5%

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The Supreme Court  
 Court Activity, Civil Petitions for Review, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	266	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	341	6.9%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	266	296	11.3%	358	20.9%	319	-10.9%	341	6.9%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	28	33	. %	47	42.4%	51	8.5%	45	-11.8%
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	10	12	. %	10	. %	14	. %	13	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	198	218	10.1%	260	19.3%	279	7.3%	275	-1.4%
Other Terminations	2	0	. %	5	. %	5	. %	8	. %
Total Disposed	238	263	10.5%	322	22.4%	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	2	. %	3	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	4	6	. %	6	. %	4	. %	6	. %
Case Not Ready	96	121	26.0%	152	25.6%	129	-15.1%	107	-17.1%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	10	14	. %	16	. %	15	. %	14	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	113	143	26.5%	177	23.8%	149	-15.8%	127	-14.8%
Opinion/Order in Process	15	19	. %	19	. %	18	. %	20	. %
Total Pending Decision	128	162	26.6%	196	21.0%	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	28	35	. %	43	22.9%	54	25.6%	45	-16.7%
Other	211	229	8.5%	274	19.7%	300	9.5%	294	-2.0%
Total Mandated	239	264	10.5%	317	20.1%	354	11.7%	339	-4.2%

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The Supreme Court  
Court Activity, Other Reviews, 1995-1999

	1995	1996	% Chg1	1997	% Chg1	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1
<b>FILINGS</b>									
New Filings	385	435	13.0%	454	4.4%	413	-9.0%	574	39.0%
Transfers	8	8	. %	6	. %	2	. %	5	. %
Total Filings	393	443	12.7%	460	3.8%	415	-9.8%	579	39.5%
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>									
Opinions	16	22	. %	14	. %	25	. %	16	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	26	25	. %	25	. %	33	. %	19	. %
Transferred	31	30	-3.2%	27	. %	34	. %	61	79.4%
Review Not Accepted	227	238	4.8%	336	41.2%	301	-10.4%	327	8.6%
Other Terminations	109	90	-17.4%	53	-41.1%	61	15.1%	74	21.3%
Total Disposed	409	405	-1.0%	455	12.3%	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%
<b>PENDING AT YEAR END</b>									
Case Stayed	3	12	. %	3	. %	2	. %	76	. %
Case Ready	2	4	. %	1	. %	0	. %	7	. %
Case Not Ready	80	110	37.5%	114	3.6%	88	-22.8%	86	-2.3%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	5	3	. %	8	. %	2	. %	11	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	90	129	43.3%	126	-2.3%	92	-27.0%	180	95.7%
Opinion/Order in Process	8	5	. %	12	. %	6	. %	2	. %
Total Pending Decision	98	134	36.7%	138	3.0%	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%
<b>MANDATED</b>									
Opinions	16	21	. %	14	. %	27	. %	15	. %
Other	412	385	-6.6%	419	8.8%	434	3.6%	472	8.8%
Total Mandated	428	406	-5.1%	433	6.7%	461	6.5%	487	5.6%

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